Bengal Paper Mill

1503. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Bengal Paper Mill at Raniganj in West Bengal is closed for the last three years;

(b) whether Government are considering to re-open the mill; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Financial Institutions, in consultation with the Government of West Bengal and the Central Government, had been engaged in working out modalities for re-opening of the Bengal Paper Mills. The Institutions had also sought the assistance of Government of West Bengal in locating a suitable entrepreneur who can run the unit The Government of West Bengal have indicated that the matter is being referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.

Orders for captive power plants

1504. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some controversial approvals had been granted in 1986 for the import of captive power plants;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry rejected an application of Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board for import of three 30 MW hydel generators for the Nagarjuna Sagar Project;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has written a letter in this regard; and

(f) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) to (f) An application of Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board for import of three 30 MW Turbines and Generators for the Nagarjuna-Sagar Project from UK under ODA Grant was earlier rejected by the Empowered Committee on grounds of indigenous availability of the equipment. Subsequently, on representation from the State Chief Minister as also on the recommendations of Minister of Energy, the proposal was reconsidered and approved. The decision of the Government was communicated to the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board on 24-12-86.

Prices of Paracetamol ....

1505. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Paracetamol is being produced by a number of producers both in the organised and small scale sectors;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have guaranteed choice of return on cost of production;

(c) what was the sales turn-over of this drug during 1986 and what was the sales turn-over of two leading brands of Paracetamol during the same period; and

(d) what is the policy regarding fixation of the price off the bulk drugs when return has been guaranteed on different costs of production and what is the price of Paracetamol